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Customer No. 22882

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Confirmation No. 6124
Gary Karlin Michelson, M.D.)
Serial No.: 09/626,636) Group Art Unit: 3731
Filed: July 27, 2000) Examiner: Uyen Ho
For: A GUARD FOR USE IN)
PERFORMING HUMAN)
INTERBODY SPINAL SURGERY)
(as amended))

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated August 24, 2005, the period for reply having been extended for three (3) months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 20 of this paper.

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